

June 13, 2013

Honourable Jim Reiter
Minister of Government Relations
Room 307, Legislative Building
2405 Legislative Drive
REGINA SK S4S 0B3

Dear Minister Reiter:

Re: Determination of Population in accordance with *The Cities Act*

The City of Regina is anticipating the filing of a petition requesting a referendum as it relates to the City's procurement of a wastewater treatment plant.

As part of the validation of said petition, I will need to ensure signatures by the number of electors equal to 10% of the population of the city. The *Act* defines population as being determined in accordance with the latest census taken pursuant to the Statistics Act (Canada) or by any other means that the minister may direct.

When conducting a ward boundary review in 2011, a request was made to then Minister Hickie by the Ward Boundary Commission requesting authorization to utilize 2010 Saskatchewan Health population data to more accurately reflect the total population of the City at that time. This request was granted and the population figure used was 196,755.

I would again like to request that I be authorized to use Saskatchewan Health information to determine the population. The most recent data from Saskatchewan Health shows a population of 207,429 as of June, 2012. That compares to a population figure of 193,100 from the 2011 Canada census.

As I expect the petition to be filed no later than June 20, and as there is a requirement to determine sufficiency within 30 days of receipt, your earliest decision on this request would be sincerely appreciated.

Yours truly,

Joni Swidnicki
City Clerk

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cc: Jim Nicol, Executive Director
Governance and Strategy